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FOREIGN OUTLOOK: U.S.-SOVIET RELATIONS

Is detente possible between President Reagan and the "evil empire"? Five months ago, I told you that Reagan really believes his own anti-Soviet rhetoric, that he's convinced the Soviets have cheated on past agreements and that he doesn't think a disarmament accord can be reached.

Then two months ago, I advised you that the powers in the Politburo, speaking privately, have expressed "personal animosity" toward Reagan, that they intended to portray him as a warmonger and that their attacks would be timed "to block his reelection."

Back to the question of detente. My sources expect the hostility level to drop, but they don't think an arms control agreement is likely. It's not just Reagan who distrusts the Russians; many senators believe the Soviets have systematically violated past arms pacts.

The violations would be hard to prove. One secret example: The Soviets have constructed a huge "phased-array" radar facility near Krasnoyarsk in central Siberia. The CIA has evidence this violates the 1972 anti-ballistic missile treaty. The United States filed a secret complaint with Moscow and got back a pious Soviet statement that "we do not build or deploy such radars unless they are in compliance with the ABM treaty."

The CIA can't provide hard proof that can be used to confront the Soviets. There's evidence (but no proof) of several violations. So the CIA has put both the White House and Congress on notice that it won't take the responsibility for verifying Soviet compliance.